AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please incorporate the following amendments to respective claims of the above-referenced application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a claim listing including the status and text of all claims (as currently amended) appears below. In making these amendments, no new matter is added.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing exception handling for a computer program, comprising:

means for establishing a plurality of classes of exception types;

means for ~~capture~~ <u>capturing</u> an exception;

means for providing an exception notice for the exception.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
means for determining the exception type.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said determining means further comprises:

means for using an exception dictionary to determine the exception type.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

means for continuing processing of the computer program if the exception type of the exception is a validation exception.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

means for propagating the ~~exeception~~ <u>exception</u> to a central place if the exception type of the exception is not a validation exception.[[.]]

6. (Currently Amended) A method of providing exception handling for a computer program, said method comprising steps of:

establishing a plurality of classes of exception types;

~~capture~~ <u>capturing</u> an exception;

providing an exception notice for the exception.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:
determining the exception type.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said determining step further comprises:
using an exception dictionary to determine the exception type.

9. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:
continuing processing of the computer program if the exception type of the exception is a validation exception.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:
propagating the ~~exeception~~ **exception** to a central place if the exception type of the exception is not a validation exception.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium for providing exception handling for a computer program, comprising:
logic that establishes a plurality of classes of exception types:
logic that captures an exception;
~~providing~~ **logic that provides** an exception notice for the exception.

12. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 11, further comprising:
logic that determines the exception type.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the logic that determines ~~step~~ further comprises:
logic that uses an exception dictionary to determine the exception type.

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14. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 13, further comprising:

logic that continues processing of the computer program if the exception type of the exception is a validation exception.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising:

logic that propagates the ~~exeception~~ **exception** to a central place if the exception type of the exception is not a validation exception.

16. (Original) A system for providing exception handling for a computer program, comprising:

a class creator that establishes a plurality of classes of exception types;

an exception capture mechanism that captures an exception;

an exception notice generator that generates an exception notice for the exception.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, further comprising:

an exception determination mechanism that determines the exception type of the exception.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the exception determination mechanism uses an exception dictionary to determine the exception type.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16, further comprising:

a processing mechanism that continues processing of the computer program if the exception type of the exception is a validation exception.

20. (Original) The system of claim 16, further comprising:

a processing mechanism that continues processing of the computer program if the exception type of the exception is not a validation exception.